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Operation of A320
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average number of aircraft of Airbus A320 available for flying was just 53% in 2012 which came down to 50% in 2014;

(b) if so the details thereof the reasons for A320 not flying even 50% of their capacity;

(c) the extent to which the reduced operation of A320 are able to help to reduce the mounting losses of Air India;

(d) the details of scheduled maintenance check of each of the above aircraft since 2012;

(e) whether non-availability of spare parts is also one of the reasons for reduced flying of A320s; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) and (b): The percentage availability of A320 aircraft in Air India for the year 2012,2013 and 2014 was 80.5,80.5 and 78.3 respectively.;

(c): The A320 family aircraft in Air India are mainly operating on the
domestic routes.;

(d): The details are at Annexure-A.;

(e) and (f): Spare shortage was one of the reason but Air India has arranged an External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) of US$ 300 million for procurement of spares and maintenance of aircraft and thus the shortage in spare is considerably eased out.